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Cooling and granulation system, for extruded plastic strand, brings about local partial crystallization above glass transition temperature, before granulation

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**NOVELTY** - In cooling and granulation system, extruded plastic strand is partially-crystallized by a temperature-controlled liquid (4) in a crystallization section (5) Immediately after leaving the extrusion die (1). The liquid is held and maintained above the glass transition temperature of the strand. This treatment continues up to the granulation stage, which follows.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION** - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is included for the corresponding tempering and granulation equipment.

**USE** - To temper and granulate an extruded plastic strand.

**ADVANTAGE** - The strand length ahead of granulation is shortened, with a corresponding reduction in the size of plant. Partial crystallization takes place in an outer skin of the strand. This confers adequate strength for granulation to pellets, with no prior drying. The plant is much shorter than earlier systems which employed cold water for cooling, followed by a separate drying stage. Length of the new plant, expressed as seconds of residence time is 0.5-5 seconds. A surprise bonus awaits users: algae will not survive the hot water. The water stays relatively pure. Further process discussion is included in this disclosure.

**DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S)** - A schematic side view of the equipment is exhibited.

extrusion die (1)

temperature-controlled liquid (4)

crystallization section (5)

plastic melt (6)

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